

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 18 Nov 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 19 Nov 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 18 Nov 2020 at 02:44 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a significant change to conditions in the hills through Wednesday and Thursday as colder air sets in. Also high for a brief return to milder/wetter conditions on Friday but some uncertainty in detail.

Headline for Wednesday 18 Nov 2020: Another wet and very windy morning. Turning bitterly cold with sleet and snow later.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 18 Nov 2020

Blizzards

Low Likelihood

Gales

High Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds

Low Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Sleet	Sleet showers	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
90%	90%	60%	50%	50%	40%

Forecast for Wednesday 18 Nov 2020

Weather: Rain will turn increasingly heavy and persistent through this morning, focussed particularly across southern Argyll and The Trossachs. Rain giving way to scattered wintry showers and some brighter spells through afternoon. Further rain arriving from the west through evening which will turn increasingly to snow above 700m.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% for a few hours through afternoon as rain clears to showers and skies partially clear, otherwise 10-20% with cloud generally extensive above 500-700m.

Visibility: Widely limited to less than a kilometre above modest height as rain, cloud and snow hamper visibility. Improving for several hours through afternoon with some distant views on offer.

Forecast for Wednesday 18 Nov 2020

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	60/74 S	40/50 SW	34/44 SW	39/51 SW	39/52 SW	27/36 SW	49/64 N
900	38/50 S	26/35 SW	25/35 SW	29/41 SW	29/40 SW	20/29 SW	32/45 N
600	59/70 S	32/40 SW	30/39 SW	35/46 SW	36/47 SW	22/30 SW	37/50 N
300	31/43 S	18/27 SW	17/27 SW	20/33 SW	20/33 SW	10/20 SW	25/39 N
Glen	17/36 S	13/26 SW	12/26 SW	17/34 SW	18/35 SW	9/21 SW	19/39 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	5/-3	5/-2	2/-6	-3/-12	-2/-12	-1/-9	-4/-15
900	7/1	7/2	4/-2	1/-7	-0/-8	1/-5	-1/-10
600	10/4	9/4	6/0	3/-4	2/-5	4/-2	1/-8
300	11/7	11/7	8/4	6/1	4/-1	6/3	3/-3
Glen	13/10	12/10	10/7	8/4	7/2	8/5	6/1
Freezing Level*	2500m	2000m	1400m	800m	900m	1100m	600m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A marked drop in temperatures through the day with winter conditions setting in across all ranges by evening. Ground will be widely sodden from recent and ongoing rainfall with watercourses in spate.

Forecast for Thursday 19 Nov 2020

Weather: A spell of light snow overnight for Lochaber and northern Argyll will leave a cold and clear start with frost in the glens. A few coastal showers may develop through the day, otherwise dry and sunny conditions. Rain/hill snow reaching the west coast by midnight.

Maximum wind: Northwest 20-25 gusting 35mph, easing to 10-15mph through afternoon then backing southerly through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% with very little low level cloud.

Visibility: Generally excellent with far reaching views, but any passing coastal showers will limit visibility to several kilometres.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero C rising to 3 or 4C.
At 800m: Minus 3C.
Freezing level: 400m.